

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Community Interpretation Grant

Background Information on the grant:

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) received \$46,500 in funding from the Office on Human Rights to be awarded competitively to community-based organization(s) to provide community interpretation training for DC government employees and community members. The purpose of this grant is to secure high quality training to support language minority communities in their efforts to receive adequate bilingual interpretation services. Such training is important to increase the capacity of District Agencies and community-based organizations in order to assist Limited English Proficient (LEP) residents and merchants in the District of Columbia in accessing government services in Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Vietnamese and Amharic languages. OAPIA will work closely with the Office on African Affairs to ensure both Asian/Pacific Islander and African communities are appropriately addressed.

Amount of grant funds available and number of awards:

OAPIA expects to award \$11,625 per language: Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Vietnamese and Amharic. Eligible organizations may apply for multiple languages.

Eligible organizations and entities:

Nonprofit (501(c)3) organizations located in the District of Columbia that:

- Serves Asian and Pacific Islander and/or African residents and/or merchants
- Demonstrates cultural understanding of Asian and Pacific Islander and/or African community
- Demonstrates capacity to work effectively with language minority populations
- Have previous experience working with DC Agencies will be preferred.

Program scope:

Focus of the grant will be to provide community interpretation training for total of 18 DC government employees and community members to help Limited English Proficient (LEP) residents and merchants in the District of Columbia receive appropriate services in the Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Vietnamese and Amharic languages, according to the Language Access Act of 2004.

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